



## Program gives UNO students opportunity to visit Cuba

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Political science professor Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado will give 20 students the opportunity of a lifetime this summer.

In fact, Benjamin-Alvarado will give students an opportunity that most U.S. citizens will never have.

Despite the U.S. trade embargo with Cuba and no U.S. citizens being allowed to enter Cuba legally, Benjamin-Alvarado will guide 20 students on an eight-day trip in and around Havana, Cuba.

Benjamin-Alvarado recently received a license from the U.S. government that allows educators to engage in educational activities in Cuba.

"It's completely legal," he said. "Cuba is a very safe and clean country and it will be good for students to have the opportunity to see this country under these circumstances."

Benjamin-Alvarado has traveled to Cuba 15 times, including last summer's trip with UNO faculty and a few community members.

"I am very familiar with Cuba

and I have been going there since 1992," Benjamin-Alvarado said. "I speak Spanish fluently, so anyone interested does not need to speak Spanish."

During the trip, students will take several educational tours to universities, cultural events and museums. Students will also go to the

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**Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado,  
political science professor**

beach and have free time to shop or experience Cuba's nightlife.

Benjamin-Alvarado is working with the Cuba Outreach Program, which assists in organizing the trip and tours.

Sociology professor Mark Rousseau was one of the UNO faculty members to accompany Benjamin-Alvarado on the trip last summer.

"I was very impressed with what Cuba has done under the socialist revolution," Rousseau said. "I learned a huge amount and had

some stereotypes proven wrong."

Rousseau said he enjoyed himself tremendously and that the experience was a "once in a lifetime opportunity."

"The Cuban government has developed a very modern tourist infrastructure," Rousseau said. "There are very modern restaurants and hotels that would make you think you were in Paris or Madrid. It was a great experience and I am going to do it again."

This summer's trip will cost approximately \$1,800 and includes seven nights' lodging, all meals, all transportation and some cultural activities.

Although the exact dates are still being arranged, the trip will be from May 25 to about June 2. The trip is open to any UNO student; however, there are only a few positions left.

"I think it's a different type of experience that you can only read about in a book or see in the movies," Benjamin-Alvarado said. "It gives students the opportunity to see something for themselves."

For more information, contact Benjamin-Alvarado at 554-4859 or [jalvarado@mail.unomaha.edu](mailto:jalvarado@mail.unomaha.edu).

## Campus crime log

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### Dec. 6

7:09 p.m. Student reported suspicious person at University Village.

### Dec. 11

7:09 p.m. Student reported theft of personal property from vehicle parked in Lot N.

### Dec. 12

10 a.m. Student reported theft of personal items from vehicle parked in Ak-Sar-Ben lot.

### Dec. 13

10:20 a.m. Student reported theft of personal property from the Health, Physical Education and Recreation building.

10:50 a.m. Student reported theft of personal property from the Sapp Fieldhouse.

1:30 p.m. Student reported theft of personal property from the Sapp Fieldhouse.

### Dec. 14

10:56 a.m. Visitor assaulted in the Milo Bail Student Center by another visitor.

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Adler said.

She said the more information found out from the survey, the more effective services on campus provided will become.

"If I'm going to go through the trouble of doing some kind of event, I want to make it something students something would go to," Adler said.

Adler said she wants to know what

students want so she can accommodate them.

"Students have the power," Adler said. "Students are the ones who decide what services are offered, what classes are offered ... students are the reason all of us are here."

If you are interested in participating in one of the focus groups or have any questions about the survey, contact Adler at 554-2743 or Aiken-Kush at 554-2409.

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## Around the campus

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### Don't rationalize with book lovers

David Volkman, chair and professor of finance, banking and law, will be the guest speaker at UNO's Library Friends Book Club meeting.

Volkman will lead a discussion of *Irrational Exuberance*, written by Robert J. Shiller.

The club will gather at noon Feb. 4 in the Council Room of the Milo Bail Student Center. The discussion is free and open to the public. For more information, call Bev Walker at 554-3205.

### Celebrate a King

In remembrance of Martin Luther King Jr., Student Organizations and Leadership Programs and Cultural Awareness Programs are hosting a luncheon Jan. 23.

The celebration will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the MBSC Ballroom.

Tickets for the event are \$3 for students; \$4 for faculty or staff; and \$5 for the general public. For more information, contact Luis Muralles at 554-2711.

### Nominations sought for achievement award

The Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women is seeking nominations for its Outstanding Achievement Award and Community Service Award. The awards recognize individuals and organizations in the community for outstanding service to women.

For more information about the awards or to pick up an application, call Sharon Darling at 554-2383 or stop by the MBSC Administrative Office.

### Band students need a home

More than 200 high school students will be marching around campus on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 for the UNO High School Honor Bands Festival.

The event, which is sponsored by the University Bands Program, is in need of host families. There are currently 50 out-of-town band students who need to be placed in a home.

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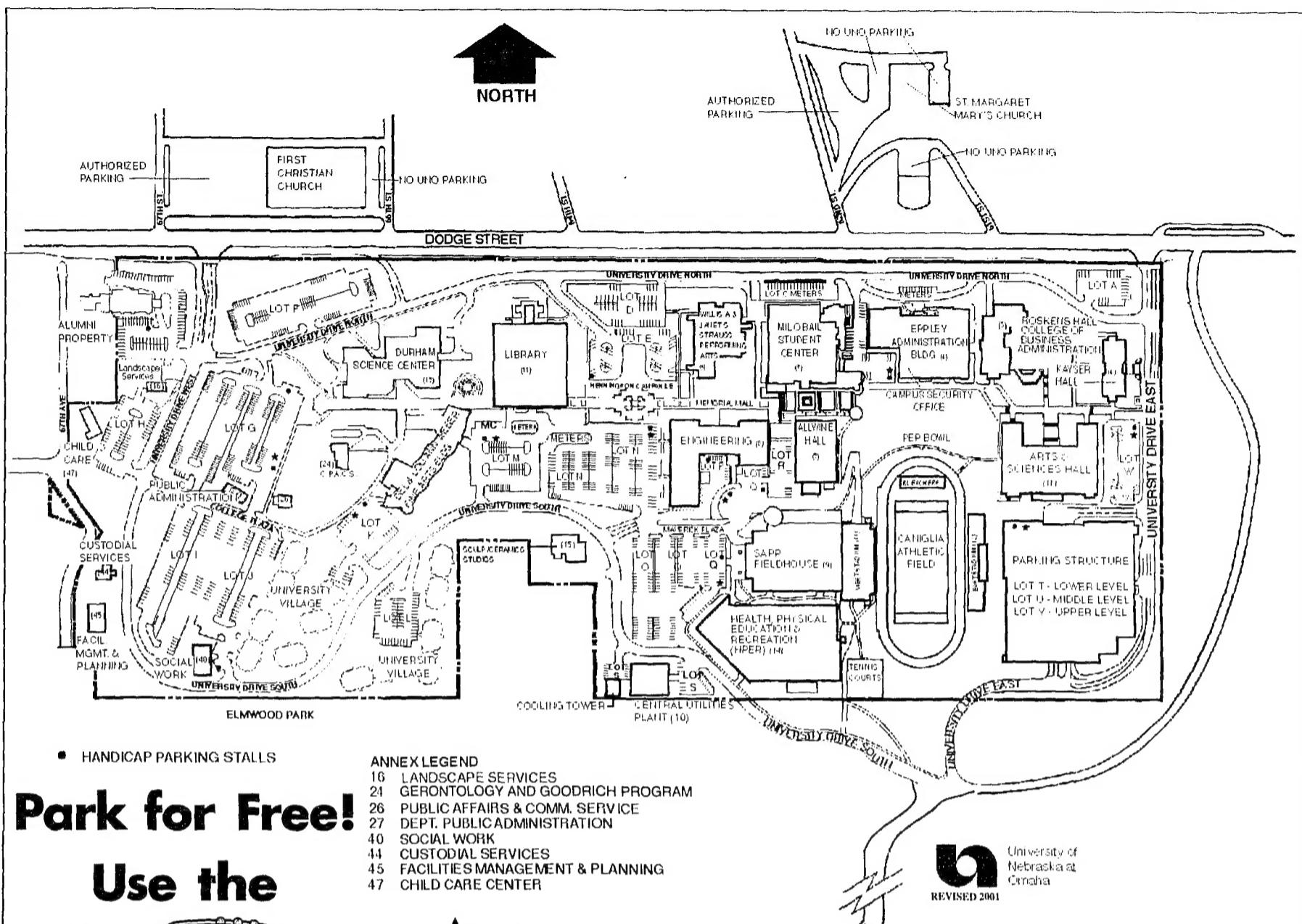
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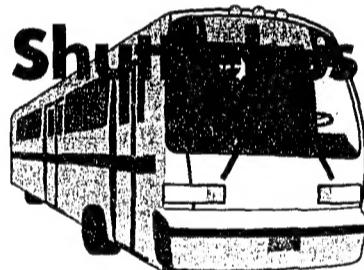
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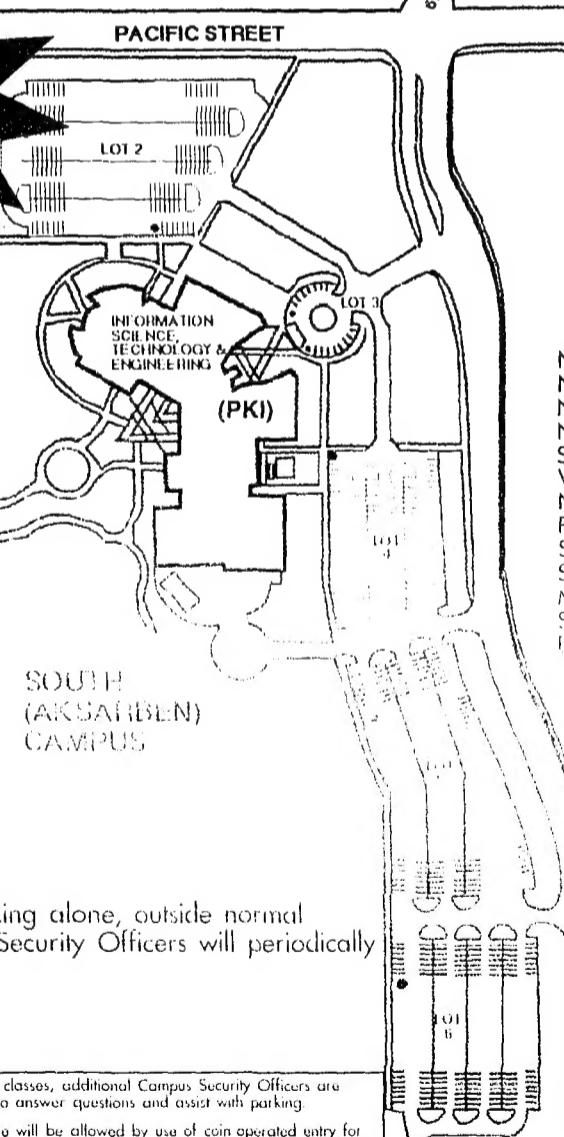
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## Ringing in the New Year with resolutions

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It is 2003 – yet another New Year with new promises. Every year millions of people make resolutions to change something in their lives. Whether one's goals are to quit smoking, lose weight, stop cursing, study harder or learn to speak Russian, success is not guaranteed.

Maybe that goal of going from 300 to 120 pounds in one year is just a bit on the far-fetched side. And mastering another language in a year is possible, if one wants to dedicate every waking hour to it.

So how can one succeed at their resolutions?

A Web site dedicated to New Year's resolutions has some suggestions to make your goals attainable. The site, [mygoals.com](http://mygoals.com), has some tips for those looking to make changes in their lives.

The first step can be as simple as picking out a goal that is actually feasible.

The site offers tips on how to set reasonable goals.

Guidelines for goals can be seen something that must be written, challenging, believable, specific, measurable and have a set deadline. Most can think of a goal that would not meet all of those requirements. Instead, [mygoals.com](http://mygoals.com) suggests making a good goal plan rather than simply setting a goal.

Goals can be either short or long term. Many New Year's resolutions end up being short-term when they were intended to be long term.

[Mygoals.com](http://mygoals.com) says to be practical and realistic about setting goals.

"A goal is realistic if you stand reasonably good odds of accomplishing it, given enough time and effort," according to the Web site.

One may want to set more than one goal at a time. The site

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## Center for Afghanistan Studies resumes Dari language program

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STAFF WRITER

French, German, Spanish, Russian, Italian, Japanese and Chinese are no longer the only languages taught at UNO. Students now have another option – Dari.

Dari is one of the two official languages of Afghanistan. Dari is a dialect of Farsi (Persian) written with a modified Arabic alphabet.

One third of the population in Afghanistan (about 5 million people) speak Dari.

UNO's Dari class is composed of 12 students. The language class is worth five credit hours.

Professor Esmael Burhan teaches Dari. Burhan is the assistant director emeritus of the Center for Afghanistan Studies.

Burhan says the Dari classes attract students from all cultures for a variety of reasons.

With the Taliban's harsh Islamic regime now and in the past in addition to the current shaky relations, American students are particularly interested in learning about the Afghan people and their culture.

Foreign students also find studying Dari interesting.

One young Tajik woman has enrolled in the class in order to learn Dari, Burhan says. She understood the spoken language perfectly but as a result of the oppression she suffered in her homeland, she never learned to read or write in Dari.

For more than two decades, the Dari class at UNO has lain dormant. Originally, Burhan and Thomas



photo by Arana Tajdin

Elizabeth Reed reads a book written in Dari. She is a student in the Afghanistan language class, which is taught by Esmael Burhan, retired director of International Studies and assistant director of the CAS.

Gouttierre founded the CAS program.

The program allowed UNO and Kabul University in Afghanistan to enjoy a rich cultural and educational exchange. Together, Burhan and Gouttierre developed the Dari language program and classes were offered at UNO.

When Russia invaded Afghanistan, the program was put to an end.

Then the Taliban wreaked havoc. Relations between the United States and Afghanistan were severed until the

Taliban was recently overthrown. Relations have since gotten better.

"Things are in good shape now," Burhan says, "but it will take time."

The Dari program, which resumed last semester, is already helping improve the situation in Afghanistan.

A group of Afghan teachers spent six weeks in Omaha last semester as part of a cultural exchange program.

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## Women's studies to hold No Limits conference

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Women's studies programs from the universities of Nebraska at Omaha, Lincoln and Kearney will host the No Limits conference Feb. 28 through March 1 at the UNO Alumni Center.

The theme of this year's No Limits conference is Geographies of Women and Gender - Intimate and Vast.

"We use 'geographies' here both concretely and metaphorically, referring both to physical location or situation and relative ones," says Karen Falconer Al Hindi, director of Women's Studies at UNO. "When we use geography as a metaphor, it can refer to emotional or mental states; these are intimate meanings."

Falconer Al-Hindi goes on to explain the conference's idea of geography: "An intimate geography of gender might also refer to gender relationships in a small space, such as a marital relationship in a home. But geography can also mean the big, the outdoors; thus, 'vast.' We wanted a theme that would stimulate us all to think broadly."

No Limits began at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1993. Since the conference began, there have been opportunities for students to present their research and creative works in the field of women's studies and gender issues.

Each year, the conference rotates among the three NU campuses. Falconer Al-Hindi says last year about 20 students presented their works in Kearney.

Students, including undergraduates, are encouraged to present at No Limits.

"We are open to all kinds of work – research papers, creative essays, poetry, art," Falconer Al-Hindi says.

She stresses that projects do not need to follow a specific theme.

In addition to presentations, artwork will be on display. "Reinventing the Apron" is a juried art exhibit. The

display features interpretations of the garment through class roles and gender.

Three women will speak at the conference.

Songwriter and musician Judy Gorman will combine music with discussion on the "Multicultural History of Women and Music." Her workshop will be held Friday over lunchtime.

On Saturday, NASA engineer and Omaha native Jenny Gruber will share her experiences in the male-dominated field of engineering.

Later that day, Nobuko Oyabu will make an appearance. Oyabu has received widespread publicity for her meaningful photographs of survivors of assault and abuse. She will share portraits and talk about her experiences with the audience.

No Limits will be about more than academics.

"It's a great chance to meet like-minded students," Falconer Al-Hindi says.

With the budget of women's studies cut last semester, students have been encouraged to turn to ways outside the classroom to learn about their area of interest.

No Limits is funded by donations from the women's studies program, the College of Arts and Sciences and other supporters.

The conference is open to the public and does not charge a fee to present or attend.

Proposals are due by Jan. 24, so there is still time to create and produce a project for the conference.

Organizers ask that people register in advance, although same-day registration will also be available.

The luncheon talks are free. Boxed lunches can be purchased in advance.

For more information about the No Limits conference or the UNO women's studies program, call 554-3834 or visit its Web site at [www.unomaha.edu/Uno/wmst/](http://www.unomaha.edu/Uno/wmst/). Registration forms and a schedule of events are available online.

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## Secretary spends day helping students

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*Editor's note: This is the first article in a series about the people who work on the UNO campus. In the next few weeks, you'll be able to read articles about the people who sell you books, serve you lunch and drive your shuttle bus. Look in The Gateway for future installments.*

While attending UNO, students are given the chance to meet many extraordinary people on a daily basis. These people may be professors, fellow students or administrators. These people are vastly important but there are others who can help make the day go by a little easier.

People such as cashiers, library aids and secretaries assist students daily. One might wonder what brought them to UNO, what keeps them here and what they do when they're not faced with the hustle and bustle of their jobs.

Inside the doors of the English department on the first floor of Arts and Sciences Hall, one will always be able to see Susan McCollum. McCollum is one the main secretaries in the English office.

She spends her days helping students and professors. McCollum predominantly assists in giving information to students and professors. She also deals with student placement and various other tasks that make her day full.

McCollum started in the English department six years ago when she received a promotion. Previously, she had been employed in the psychology department. She spent two years in the psychology department before deciding to try her chances at a job with more responsibility.

"Life has a habit of making chances when you least suspect it," McCollum says.

When she was first married, McCollum and her husband ran a flower shop. While working there, she found she had an interest in the business and secretarial fields.

Over the years, the couple started a family and had five children. It raised most of its family in Pierce, S.D. After their children grew



photo by Daniels Petersen

**Susan McCollum is a secretary in UNO's English department.**

up, McCollum and her husband decided to move to the Omaha area.

Today, she has a bachelor's degree in business from Bellevue University and uses the skills she learned there on a daily basis.

It has been eight years since McCollum first walked onto campus at UNO.

"It is funny how everything changes with this new technology, but I always find it exciting," McCollum says.

In addition to her work at UNO, she holds a second job at the Dillard's department store in Council Bluffs. She spends her nights and weekends working in the men's department there. McCollum says she likes to keep active and enjoys both her jobs.

McCollum has four grandchildren and says she gets timeless pleasure out of being a grandmother. One of her grandchildren lives close by while the other three live in Minnesota. Although she wishes she could see them more often, she is happy to be a part of all of their lives.

In her spare time, McCollum tries to find time to read her favorite mystery novels and play on the computer enough to be current with the latest technologies. She is consistently willing to learn new things and keeps herself up-to-date with the current times.

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does not discourage against this but does throw out a warning about conflicting goals. Multiple goals can take away the focus from each other or create conflicts of interest.

Once reasonable goals are picked, a plan can start to form. Mygoals.com suggests breaking down harder, long-term goals into pieces or steps. Before starting, one should, according to the Web site, "Be sure you've listed all the relevant obstacles and the tasks needed to overcome them."

The site's other tips include:

- Assign dates realistically. Adjust them as necessary.
- Set up reminders to keep you on track.
- Avoid the discussion of your goals with naysayers.
- Don't stop, even if you get sidetracked or discouraged.

There are still chances of failure with any set goal but mygoals.com believes if one has a goal to reach, a good goal plan can set a person on the right track to success.

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## Workin' it wirelessly

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wire as much as we can," he said. "It just takes time."

Also, students do not have access to a printer anywhere on UNO's wireless network, Hayes said.

ITS currently recommends the Cisco 350 series wireless network card model number AIR-PCM352. This wireless card is the most compatible with the features of UNO's network, according to the Web site. However, any 802.11b-compatible network card will allow a user access to the network.

The reliability of the network depends on many factors. The presence of thick walls, metal doors and cabinets and electrical interferences can affect how strong and fast a signal is.

"If you are in a coverage area ... then you have a very good chance of having and maintaining a reliable wireless network connection,"

according to the Web site.

As space from the access point and the number of users increases, the speed of the network — which has a throughput of about 5MB — becomes slower.

The wireless networks at UNO are shared network environments. That means other users can potentially monitor your network traffic, according to the Web site.

"Since our system is open — using no encryption or W[ired] E[quivalent] P[rivacy], using software that encrypts your communications ... will greatly reduce your vulnerability," according to the Web site.

"As far as I know we have plans to

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## Letter to the editor

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I was purchasing a parking permit for this semester for \$22.50 when another student was paying a parking ticket and buying a parking permit. The lady helping him told him she would take the \$10 fine for his ticket off the price of his parking permit plus forgive the fine, making his parking permit \$12.50. This was a \$20 savings for this student.

This student breaks the law and is rewarded for it. I

follow the law and am penalized. I would have been better off going out and getting a ticket first. I think Campus Security should remunerate us students who paid full price. Security can look up my e-mail address and let me know when I can stop in to pick up my \$20. I'd like my \$18 back, too, for the past three semesters I did not utilize the shuttle service.

Sincerely,

Jason Trimm  
NASA Nebraska Space Grant Consortium

## Traffic in the wild, wild West

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GUEST COLUMNIST

I haven't lived in Omaha but a few months, so I certainly don't profess to be an expert on the area or the people, but I would like to offer my observations anyway.

One of the subjects frequently broached by the natives is the traffic and the drivers who cause it.

First, I must explain that I am from back East.

Back East. As I write that phrase, it conjures up a vision of a pioneer riding in the saddle, wearing a buckskin coat and wide-brimmed Stetson. He stops along the trail for a drink of water from his goatskin canteen. After quenching his thirst, he hangs the bag from the pummel and turns slowly to look back from whence he came. Back East. After staring uncertainly for what seems to be hours, he turns back forward, lifts the brim of his hat and, peering between the long, erect ears of his horse, he ponders his reasons for heading out West.

Allow me to bring you forward in time until we have reached present day Omaha. If you are reading this while driving to school you are probably "stuck" in what you think is "traffic."

If I may politely chide you, as I do anyone who mentions the "traffic problem" around here, you don't know jack about traffic.

Back East, where all the horses are now housed in heated stables, distance is measured in time, not miles. It would be too upsetting for drivers in metropolitan areas to think it takes 40 minutes to drive 10 miles on a good day.

Traffic, besides being an excellent '60s rock band, is eight lanes of drivers moving at 80 mph along the turnpike until reaching their exits, at which time they slow to 5 mph paces until they are able to reach their destinations. That is, if there aren't any accidents, which there always seem to be, since people have become so frustrated with the traffic they are just looking for something to ram into. Quite often, they break out the grills and have a tailgate along with their fellow immobile commuting mates.

Not that driving in the East is all bad. At least drivers back East understand the concept of "the passing lane." For those of you who don't know any better, that's the left-hand lane. The place you go to pass the slower vehicles. Not the strip of road God created with you in mind. Easterners know that if they are driving in the passing lane, moving along slower than those on their right, and someone drives up on their bumper, its time to change lanes - TO THE RIGHT, NOT FARTHER LEFT. It is actually legal, or at least acceptable behavior, to invoke NASCAR rules and trade paint, as they say, with someone who is driving too slow in the left-hand lane.

Here in Omaha, people seem to think it's their God-given right to drive at or below the speed limit in the passing lane. It's not just the people whom you might automatically expect — you know, the over 70, under 5 feet tall crowd, with blinker on, head barely visible above the dashboard, both hands locked in a death grip on the steering wheel.

No, not at all. It's people of all ages, creeds, colors and political preferences

(I can't prove it, but I personally think they're all Republicans). It seems people drive into the left lane with one single thought - "At some point today I am going to want to make a left hand turn and damn it all, I am going to be prepared when it happens."

Which brings me back to our friend on the horse, who has now reached Omaha and is riding down the middle of Dodge Street, past the funeral parlor, toward a wooden building against which a man is leaning back in his chair. He is wearing a heavily stained apron and appears to be the proprietor of this establishment, which most certainly must be a saloon.

"Howdy stranger," he says dryly, spitting tobacco juice over the rail and into the street, narrowly missing a mangy, one-eyed, three-legged mutt, who is running for cover under the walkway.

"Don't know if you're a drinking man or not, but you might want to come in and set a spell, at least till the afternoon traffic dies down." Our friend, who has been looking at the proprietor, now turns his head forward to see two or three horse-drawn carriages and a half dozen riders on horses moving slowly away from him -- the slowest of which is all the way over to the left side of the dirt road heading straight through the center of town.

It is then our road-weary rider once again turns slowly in his saddle, gazing past the broad-aproned man, who is still staring at him and back over the tail of his mare, wondering just what was it that brought him here to this wild, western, frontier town.

## War in a new age of conquest

I believe it was on Monday I watched one of the white-haired talk show hosts on MSNBC moderate a "face off" between Scott Ritter, the singing former UN weapons inspector and Richard Butler, his former boss who was successfully relieved of his position.

The air was filled with allegations, counter allegations, twists, turns and spontaneous outbursts of claps and emotion. What was the bone both gentlemen whose opinions were both highly esteemed in the shady world of international politics trying to crack? Saddam Hussein and the contentious issue of whether he was in possession of weapons of mass destruction.

The apparent aim of both gentlemen was to determine if Uncle Sam would be justified should he turn Saddam upside down and smack him on the rear.

People phoned in. Opinionated, versed and verbose, they lent support for and against a possible military action in Iraq, screaming words like "Imperialism!" "SUV!" "Oil!" "Murder!" "Middle East Stabilization Process!" "Hiroshima!" "Mushroom Cloud!" and "National Security!" If the issue at stake hadn't been such a sensitive one, it would have been amusing.

Ritter came to the table with a fat folder he did not hesitate to brandish in Butler's face. Butler came armed with his memory and a decided opinion that Hussein was either the Antichrist or his pre-incarnate shell. Ritter asked for evidence, Butler replied with questions. Ritter held up his folder, Butler held up his forefinger.

Definitely I have not walked in the shoes of these men and am not privy to the "intelligence" they both claim to have. What I do perceive is that all parties involved in this issue have either failed to see the larger issue at stake or are deliberately ignoring it.

Why is Hussein seeking WMDs? Why does the United States possess WMDs? Why is the Imperator of Pyongyang brandishing his fuel rods in the face of the world?

It is not just a question of national security. The most secure nations in the world today are certainly not the ones with the largest amount of weapons. Indeed, enrichment in weapons of war, rather than making your neighbors bow before you, most of the time serves to make them nervous and launch them into their quest for weapons for aggression or defense, as the case may be.

The issue here is that we have entered a new era of empires and kingdoms and that the same rules that governed the art of war and conquest in the days of Augustus or Machiavelli are still the rules that govern the politics of the world today.

It is a new age of imperialism, only this time it is called globalization. That America is an imperialist state goes without saying. The knot — whether American imperialism is necessarily an evil thing — is something we are yet to untie. But yet what does history say?

That the Islamic "empires" of the Middle East are imperialist is also a foregone conclusion. That Communism was imperialist is obvious. The pretty party we have here, then, is a conflict of kingdoms — not just in wars of guns and

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## RED MEAT

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Hello, William. How would you like to come try out the new playroom I built?

If you're talking about that big steel cube out back, you can forget it. I'm not going to play inside a box with a single porthole and a padlock on the outside of the door.

Interesting. The neighbor children were initially skeptical, as well. However, once I switched on the microwave floor grid, they hopped around like gleeful chimps...

...for a minute, anyway. Say, do you have a large griddle scraper that I could borrow?

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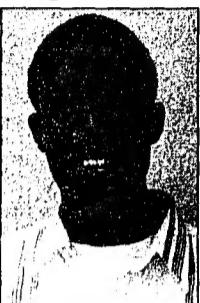
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Coming to America



Fisayo Adejuyigbe

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sticks – but also in the field of ideology. America obviously has the edge with a stockpile of nuclear weapons that were hastily amassed before the world knew enough to declare the proliferation illegal. America has other advantages, too – a large economy, a diverse population of Americanized members of almost every other nation (after the example of ancient Rome) and the blessing of "God" to be GloboCop and police the world.

The Islamic kingdoms are not wanting in their advantages too – huge, "politically exploitable" oil reserves, a sovereign approval of the use of force against infidels ("if necessary") and a human reserve of perhaps the most doctrinally homogenous citizens in the world. The relics of what used to be the communist empire still present a formidable player in this megalomaniacal war for the "global cake," with about 20 percent of the world's population and a determined resolve to resist all infiltration.

The warriors of this new era obviously think their security lies in making everybody else like himself or herself. In other words, if you think like me, look like me and act like me, you are probably me and won't want to hurt me.

Homogenize the world and it will be safer for all, and if that is an impossible task, homogenize access to power. All men may be equal but some are certainly more equal than others and nuclear weapons are the staffs of royalty and authority.

Practical sense teaches that those who constitute a threat be contained but with as little damage to the environment as possible. History teaches that the wounds of war run deep and are passed from generation to generation. Human lore lets us know kingdoms rise and fall and that Rome, which wasn't built in seven days, didn't fall in seven days, either.

The sad thing is the power brokers of this era pay no attention to practical sense, history or human lore.

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## First comes living together, then comes marriage?

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There's a saying that marriage is "a triumph of imagination over intelligence, and second marriages a triumph of hope over experience."

If that's the case, it looks like imagination and hope may be on the ropes.

A study published in the November issue of the Journal of Family Issues finds that the number of unmarried live-in couples has grown since the 1960s to 4.7 million in 2000.

However, the number of cohabitating couples who get married within three years of moving in together has plummeted from about 60 percent in the 1970s to about one-third in the 1990s.

It may be that imagination and hope are just getting stuffed at different points in the

game.

While marriage seems to be waning, the hope of getting married endures, say the study's co-authors, Wendy Manning of Bowling Green State University and Pamela Smock of the University of Michigan.

The number of women in a live-in relationship who expect to get married has remained fairly constant at three out of four, despite the plummeting number of live-in couples who actually get to the altar.

As for the remaining one in four women, their minds are pretty well made up.

"If a woman says she doesn't intend to marry the man she's living with, it's almost certain she won't," wrote Smock and Manning in their article, "First Comes Cohabitation and Then Comes Marriage?"

The expectation of marriage rises in relation with the male cohabitant's income

and falls with the couple's ages, the study found.

Not surprisingly, people who feel more economically stable are more likely to make the move into marriage.

The study's authors observe that programs to encourage marriage might not work unless they focus on boosting the boyfriend's socioeconomic status. Yet, money is no guarantee of marital success, as the growth in cohabitation and divorce among the well-off classes indicates.

Government can use tax incentives and other inducements to make marriage less of a burden.

But, rich or poor, marriage takes a lot of love, work and commitment, especially when the honeymoon is over and hope meets reality.

## Study finds job discrimination begins with name

STAFF EDITORIAL

DAILY EVERGREEN (WASHINGTON STATE U.)

What's in a name?

That was the question asked by professors at the University of Chicago and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Specifically, do names that indicate a certain ethnicity affect one's chance of being hired?

The "obvious" answer should be no. Apart from scholarship requirements, some acting roles and certain group affiliations, there should be little else that requires or looks for a certain ethnic backgrounds.

Unfortunately, the answer the study came up with, was "yes."

Researchers involved with the study sent about 5,000 resumes to companies in response to help wanted ads in the Chicago

Tribune and the Boston Globe.

Using birth certificates to match names to ethnicities, the professors picked out "white" names, such as Neil, Greg, Emily and Jill, as well as more "black" names, including Tamika, Aisha, Rasheed and Tyrone.

These were the names the potential employers saw on the resumes.

The people responsible for hiring, many from companies that claimed to be equal opportunity employers, failed the racial profiling test. Overall, white-named applicants got 50 percent more responses from employers than those with black-sounding names.

These disturbing results come at a time when hiring policies are being scrutinized for inequalities and discrimination.

Most companies try to emphasize diversification of employees and encourage

ethnic minorities to apply. These actions give a false sense of security to job applicants everywhere.

The study implies that even if employers vow to not uphold discriminatory hiring practices, they may be denying black applicants an interview without realizing it.

The negative results of the study, however, don't have to mean that Tamika, Aisha, Rasheed and Tyrone are completely out of luck.

The research gives employers everywhere the opportunity to make changes to end employer discrimination. Establishing more diversified hiring committees and developing awareness of stereotypes are two good places to start.

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## Experiencing American culture through the radio

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For some reason, my life as a free-lance videographer has developed a repeating theme of driving ridiculously long distances overnight. Since my truck was made about the same year the CD player was invented, I've been forced to rely on the radio for late-night companionship. I have an unusually low tolerance for the diet of pop, golden oldies and country music FM radio has to offer, so AM radio is my only option.

In my travels I have learned that AM radio waves have a tendency to bounce off the Earth's ionosphere, allowing reception from a lot farther away than FM radio waves. It would also appear that when the sun goes down, the ionosphere bounces AM radio waves significantly farther. What does all this mean? It means you can pick up local talk shows from Texas while driving across Ohio.

Late-night AM radio isn't exactly prime real estate, so the diversity of programming isn't shocking. You will have to put up with Rush Limbaugh, Bill O'Reilly, Radio Disney and a number of Jesus freaks, but if you look hard enough, some seriously entertaining radio will emerge.

Recently I was headed across Utah at 1 a.m. when I caught a segment of the Phil Hendrie show on WOAI 1200 AM San Antonio. Hendrie was in the middle of an interview with Jay Santos, a Brigadier Admiral in the Citizen's Auxiliary Police. Santos was outlining "Operation Child Agenda," a plan to police fast-food establishments and prevent fat kids from buying junk food. Apparently, the reason terrorists target America is because they see how fat our children are and think all Americans are easy to kill. Do you have any idea how many fat kids were on those planes on Sept. 11, 2001?

The real controversy began when one of the young butterballs gave an "officer" some lip. The boy was then allegedly clipped by a car as the officer encouraged him to get some exercise in the street.

Fifteen minutes of research on the Internet revealed the show to be clever satire and not real, but the guy on KOTK 1080 talking about his latest book, *The Nnzification of America*, was completely serious. The number of parallels between the Office of Homeland Security and the SS of Nazi Germany is fascinating.

Of course, there are some really far-fetched shows out there, like the one I heard in Georgia about people who sometimes turn invisible. The shrieks that came from the women's restroom at the next gas station I stopped at that night assured me that I am indeed not one of those people.

Most of the time, religious radio programming isn't very interesting, but late at night there are plenty of odd religious topics to choose from.

I remember one night in Iowa when I heard shows produced by Christian, Islamic, Rastafarian and Unitarian churches all in the same hour. These shows have inspired me to found my own religion where my life on Earth shall be spent smoking pot and killing infidels until the Mother Ship arrives and I can apologize for my sins.

A real downside to AM radio is the number of commercials one has to endure. Many AM radio stations are owned by large media companies, which results in the same commercials being played over and over again in every city. Everything from vacuum cleaners to prescription drugs is shamelessly peddled on AM radio. However, every now and again I've been lucky enough to catch strange local advertisements about lawyers who can get your third DUI taken care of and bars where Klingon bands perform.

Despite the corporate overrepresentation, AM radio still seems to have its fingers on the pulse of American media. Any topic of the day is regularly beaten into the ground by a variety of programs. During a recent trip across Oregon, I almost opted for silence over the Trent Lot discussions. The key is to keep pressing the seek button and having the patience to sit through a good program's commercials. With AM bounce channels, once you move the dial, you may never get that station back again. Over the miles I've learned not to pass up the chance to hear programs I have no idea where they came from and will never hear again. I guess that's why now even on those rare occasions when the vehicle I'm traveling in has a CD player, I still find myself pressing the "AM/FM" button.

## Works of Whimsey shimmy into Botanical Gardens

REVIEW BY  
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It feels kind of like a visit to one of those fancy gardens surrounding a chateau somewhere in France — only you're still in Omaha. For all the lovers of foliage, flowers and horticulture, Omaha's Botanical Center at Lauritzen Gardens is 120 acres of earthy jaunts, lots of oxygen and an overall whimsical escape.

Missouri artist Peggy Guest's painting and sculpture exhibit, *Works of Whimsey*, is on display in the Gardens' Visitor Center through March 8.

Guest's playful images leave color dripping from your retinas and remind your inner child how fun make-up lands were — the made-up worlds of youth when summer nights could never end, mud paths in your mom's garden led to the magic prince and running outside naked wouldn't get you arrested. Those were the days, and Guest's genius brings them back in a few quick breaths.

Drooping daisies shade personified bears and lions in their

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During the "Gardens of Whimsey" showing at the Lauritzen Gardens, visitors can see a lot of works designed for the garden. This ornate bird house is made from a tree trunk and colored tiles.

Missouri artist Peggy Guest's painting and sculptures will be on exhibit at the Gardens through March 8.

The Gardens are located on First and Bancroft streets and are open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

photo by Danelle Petersen

## Talking about my generation

## A book tries to define 20-somethings

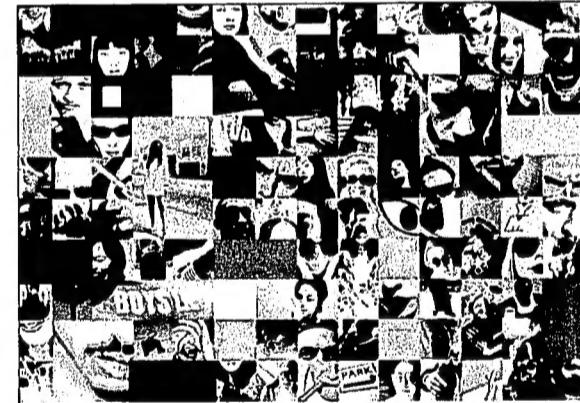
REVIEW BY  
ANGIE SCHAFER  
STAFF WRITER

There is something to be said for creating a written document that records the voices of one's generation. But as authors Jennifer Karlin and Amelia Borofsky point out during five-page interludes throughout their compilation, *ReGeneration*, a generation cannot be defined inclusively. Ignore the fact that the two waste at least 30 pages throughout the rest of the novel trying to define it. Apparently, they missed the point. Potential readers, do not yet turn your faces in disgust, for although these women foolishly attempted to define what they had previously defined as "too diverse to be defined," they did not manage to ruin what is a diverse, well-written, entertaining group of stories, personal statements, poetry and monologues.

The book is divided into four sections: Navigating, about finding one's home; Working; Relating, about interpersonal relationships; and Dreaming. Each section is opened with a general statement by the editors, who describe how the section is relevant. It is suggested the reader skip these. Following are relevant works by a variety of American authors.

Some are humorous. For example, the 20-something single mother's commentary on a life that includes both trying to find a date and trying to insert a suppository into her constipated 4-year-old's rear end. Her story reads like a piece one would hear at a high school forensics tournament. Then there is the surprisingly uplifting tale of a young Taiwanese-American woman who travels to Taiwan and finds a better understanding of the Taiwanese culture, then finds a surprising patriotic feel toward the United States, brought about by videos of American gay rights activists shown in a Taipei feminist bookstore.

The collection also includes pictorial statements. One is a woman's photographic reminiscence of her childhood, inspired by her grandmother's Alzheimer's disease. An



### ReGeneration

Telling Stories from Our Twenties

"The contributions were a mix of 'I Get It' in transition, fellow classmate to help get through your own questionable eras."

— Abby Wilner, coauthor of *Quarantine Crisis*



Jennifer Karlin AND Amelia Borofsky

interesting perspective on photography shows some hip x-rays of two people kissing (the best part is the nose ring you can see hanging in what appears to be cloudy midair on the x-ray), along with a variety of other images.

Not to be outdone in the creativity department, and not to forget they have defined the non-generation by their extensive computer use, Karlin and Borofsky include

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authentic e-mails collected from around the country (and in at least one circumstance, the rest of the world). A friend e-mails another friend to explain how happy she is they are friends. The e-mail comes off a little too *Dawson's Creek*-ish (as in, who talks like that?), while another writes her significant other about her anguish over their cross-country separation (same question applies here). Still, the point is made.

One man narrates the situation that allowed him to pick up a "preppy" at a club the night before. This is included in the Working section, because it includes both a commentary on the tediousness of his job (the entire section is a continuous

rip on office jobs) and a picturesque description of him, unshaven and smelly at his job the next morning. In the last paragraph of his tale, Paul Ohan juxtaposes the oddity of the last night's encounter with the lines, "I felt bad making my cute preppy leave my apartment with me this morning, but he needed to get home and shower. I hope he and his girlfriend resolve their differences." Oh, to be so unabashedly, desirably human!

On the whole, the book is some interesting light reading. Not the poignant, all-telling exposition the authors seem to be searching for, but ignoring their pages of educated nothingness lends to a very enjoyable reading experience.

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lofty settings. Kaleidoscope-eyed girls could easily dance with tambourine men in Guest's delightful fantasies. They'd be right at home camouflaged amid the fairytales and wonderlands jugged in the paintings.

"I create both two- and three-dimensional pieces, using many media to provide thought provoking, entertaining, charming and challenging visual artwork," Guest says on the Missouri Association of Community Arts Agencies' Web site.

Her talents as a muralist, sculptor, illustrator, exhibit designer and painter have been well-received by audiences, as evidenced in her appearance in the Who's

*Who in American Women Artists - 2001* and her highly-sought-after commissioned work.

Guest's work is a lovely addition to the already soft getaway offered by Lauritzen Gardens. Looking-glass balls, organic sculptures and skylights enhance visits, if not for the flowers, then for the cafe.

The Spring Flower Show is also on display through May 12, as well as the Victorian Garden, Woodland Reflecting Pool and the developing Arboretum - "garden of trees" - and Bird Sanctuary.

The Botanical Center is on First and Bancroft streets and is open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 346-4002 or visit [www.omahabotanicalgardens.org](http://www.omahabotanicalgardens.org) for more information.

## Horoscopes

PREDICTIONS BY  
MADAME ZORA

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)**

Welcome back to school! Now fork over \$600 for all those books.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**

Go take a walk in the sun. The rays will do you good. Oh wait ... this is winter in Nebraska, there is no sun! Never mind.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)**

Are you ready for winter yet? You've had it easy for the first month, but now Mother Nature is fixin' to unleash a load of winter misery on you.

**Aries (March 21 - April 19)**

Today is the day something spectacular will happen. However, that something is a secret, so I'm not going to tell you what it is ... you have to figure it out for yourself.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)**

Go clean your room. Seriously, look at that mess.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 21)**

You've resolved to quit procrastinating on your term papers. Start the new semester off right and get to work on that - first thing tomorrow.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22)**

Cultivate an accent this week. Start with the oh-so-popular "hick" accent.

**Leo (July 23 - Aug 22)**

Go to the nearest post office and buy as many stamps as you can and then stick them all over your body. Try to mail yourself to Canada.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)**

You are going to make a stupid comment about Nirvana this week. Everyone you know will hate you for it.

**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)**

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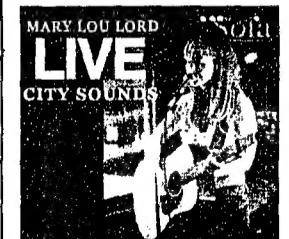
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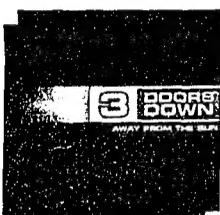
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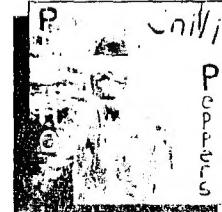
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## Injury-hit Mav women go 3-4 over break

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While the winter break started with a bang for the UNO women's basketball team, 2003 has been less than kind to the Mavericks as they started North Central Conference play 0-3 and lost the services of two key substitutes.

UNO opened play over the break on Dec. 13 by setting a new school record for points in a game in its 107-95 win over Doane College. Tanya Hammes led the way for the Mavs with a career-high 37 points. Sara Peterson added 24 points and 12 rebounds and Chelsie Groslie had 13 points.

Two days later, the Mavericks took advantage of Peru State's frigid 19-69 shooting effort (27.5 percent) to run out 81-50 winners. Hammes paced the Mavericks with 14 points. Groslie had 11 points and Kara Paul had 10 points.

Fortunes would be different for UNO against its next in-state opponent, though, as the Mavericks fell 94-66 on the road to the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

The Lopers had five players in double digit scoring, led by Heather Steffen's 24 points, as UNK shot 57 percent from the field for the game. Lindsey Petersen had 22 points for UNO and Peterson added 17 points. Groslie logged just 11 minutes of action before leaving the game with a stress fracture in her foot.

After holding off Briar Cliff College 57-53, the Mavericks broke in the New Year by hosting fourth-ranked North Dakota State in the conference opener for both teams. The Bison started quickly, jumping out to a 7-0



Maverick Lindsey Petersen fights for possession of the ball with two North Dakota State University players in a game during semester break.

pull within eight at halftime.

The Mavericks' ranks were further depleted, however, as Tasa fell awkwardly while collecting a rebound. She was later diagnosed with a pair of torn knee ligaments and is doubtful for the remainder of the season.

UNO took the initiative after the intermission, though, and scored the first six points of the second half. The Mavs twice pulled to within a point of the Fighting Sioux before an 11-point run rebuilt UND's lead. UND left Omaha with an 81-71 victory.

Peterson paced the Mavericks with 17 points, Paul had 16 and Petersen had 14 points and five rebounds.

Carlsen said the contest was one of the most physical she had seen in her time at UNO.

"I'm OK with that as long as it stays consistent," she said. "I thought for the most part the calls were consistent in terms of stuff they were going to let go."

After dropping their first two NCC games, the Mavericks took on Northern Colorado. The Bears, whose athletic program will move up to Division I next season, scored almost at will in the first half as they took a 51-28 lead into halftime. UNC eventually ran out 89-64 winners, led by Missy Borell, who scored 18 points, grabbed 13 rebounds and became the all-time leading scorer in UNC women's basketball history. Paul paced UNO with 21 points and eight rebounds and Hammes had 12 points and six rebounds.

UNO (7-7, 0-3 NCC) will hit the road again to play at Minnesota State-Mankato on Thursday before returning home Saturday to host South Dakota State.

lead, but UNO clawed back and held the lead at 22-21 before NDSU began to pull away.

The Bison connected on 13 of 29 three-pointers in the game, including seven of 14 in the second half, as they built leads as large as 23 points. The Mavericks were able to draw within 13 points but NDSU held on for a 98-53 win.

Maverick Head Coach Lisa Carlsen said she attributed NDSU's scoring more to the visitors' shooting prowess than her team's defense.

"I don't know how you're going to beat a team that good when they're shooting that well," Carlsen said. "I didn't think our defense was that bad, but [North Dakota State] spread us out pretty well and did a

good job of shooting the ball. I thought our intensity was where it needed to be about 90 percent of the time. If we can keep playing that hard we're going to have shots to win ballgames."

Peterson led UNO with 17 points while Hammes and Rachel Volnek each had 13 points and four rebounds. Raina Tasa added 11 points and five rebounds for the Mavs.

Carlsen and her team had little time to rest as two days later No. 6 North Dakota entered the Sapp Fieldhouse, still smarting from a loss to South Dakota. The Fighting Sioux dominated the glass in the first half, out-rebounding UNO 23-15 with nine offensive rebounds. UND led by as many as 12 points before the Mavericks were able to

## Track team wins dual, captures five titles

**BRIAN BRASHAW**  
SPORTS EDITOR

The UNO women's track team came from behind to win a dual on Jan. 10 against Emporia State.

The meet also included two Division-I schools, Kansas and Kansas State, who were locked in their own dual. Kansas beat KSU 86-67.

Even with the Division-I competition, the Mavericks claimed three individual titles and went on to beat Emporia State 101-57.

Emporia State took an early lead after the long jump and weight throw, but the UNO tracksters were too much for the Hornets to handle at the end.

Sarah Menghini won the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.66. Michelle Ellingson claimed the 1-mile run gold in 5:07.31 and Amanda Mahan won the 800-meter run in 2:23.12.

On Dec. 12, the Mavericks were one of 12 teams to participate in the Robinson Ebert Pre-Season Open. The Mavs made a strong showing, placing first in seven of the 25 events.

Alison Anderson won the weight throw while Ryan Hergott placed third. Kaylen Byers' won the high jump with a height of 5 feet-05.25 inches.

Melissa Meisinger won the triple jump, leaping 11.74 meters. Taira Baker finished second in the event.

The women took a clean sweep of the 1-mile run with DeAnna Bailey, Molly Miller and Kellie Ryan finishing first, second, and third, respectively. The team accomplished the same feat in the 800-meter run with Laura Gass, Syd Metz and Sarah Zeisler taking the top three places.

UNO also won the 1,600-meter relay, and Ellingson and Bridget Stephenson finished first and second, respectively, in the 5,000-meter run.

Four individuals provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division II national meet. Anderson and Hergott both qualified in the weight throw. Byers qualified in the high jump and Meisinger qualified in the triple jump.

## The thin blue line Maverick defensive corps runs thin

**BRIAN BRASHAW**  
SPORTS EDITOR

At the beginning of the year, UNO had arguably one of the most prolific blue-line corps in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association.

The Mavericks were sporting a second team all-American in Greg Zanon, a talented young sophomore-to-be; Bryce Lampman, who was drafted to the New York Rangers; and Mike Gabinet, a 2001 draft pick for the Los Angeles Kings.

A host of young potential strode into Omaha as well in Craig Zubersky, Cody Blanshan and Joel Andresen.

Yet the Mavericks skated at Miami-Ohio on last weekend with a very depleted defense.

What gives?

Before the season started, Lampman left UNO for the NHL.

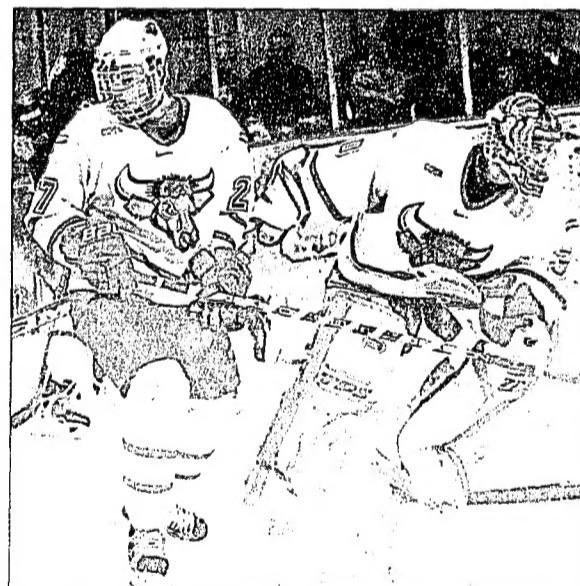
After just one game—an exhibition in which he had an assist, Zubersky left UNO for the Kootenay Ice, a Canadian major junior team.

Chris Claffey, one of the team's most solid and consistent defenseman, went down early in the year with an Achilles tear that is likely to end the season for him.

After Claffey's injury, Kemp was forced to move converted forward Jason Jaworski back to defense.

Jaworski began his UNO career as a defenseman but moved to forward last season. He began this season as a forward as well.

UNO loses an offensive threat by moving Jaworski to defense, as he



Joel Andresen helps the defense look out for its goalie, Dan Ellis. Ellis made 43 saves in a heroic performance in a recent tie game against Michigan State

photo by Chris Machian

registered 11 points at forward last season.

"I liked playing forward better this year," Jaworski said. "Last year I felt more comfortable playing D. It all depends, I started off a little rocky against Western Michigan, but I'm getting back into my groove."

To pour salt into the wounds, Zanon was sidelined over Christmas break to remove bone chips in his knee and has since developed a staph infection. He will be out at least through the Ohio State series. Head Coach Mike Kemp hopes Zanon will return for the Bowling Green series in early February.

"The only defenseman that's playing regularly right now that was playing a year ago at this time is Mike Gabinet and he was playing injured,"

Kemp said.

"Other than that, we're playing converted forwards and inexperienced freshman. It's certainly a different look."

But this year's situation is different than last year's injury situation. Last season, the Mavericks faced a lot of injuries that resulted from conditioning and practice techniques.

This season, the injuries are along the lines of what Kemp calls "freaky" — Claffey got cut with a skate and Zanon had bone chips digging into his knee.

"There's no way of changing what you do to prevent those types of injuries," Kemp said. "If we could just get through some of these freakish things, we'll be

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# Happenings around the beautiful game

PAUL FREELAND  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Japan provided an uneasy start to 2003 for the United States women's national team as they held the Americans to a 0-0 tie in a friendly game played at San Diego's Torero Stadium.

Head Coach April Heinrichs' team was coming off a two-month layoff after having qualified for the 2003 Women's World Cup, which will begin Sept. 23 in China. The break from competitive action showed, as good finishing and offensive rhythm were absent among the Americans.

The United States outshot Japan 12-4, but only managed to force goalkeeper Nozomi Yamago into one save. Japan, meanwhile, had the best chance of the match when American second-half substitute keeper LaKeycia Beene came out to collect a cross but missed the ball entirely. The ball fell to Japanese winger Naoko Kawakami. With the goal at her mercy, she played the ball across the face of goal and the U.S. defense cleared the ball from danger.

Tying Japan broke the Americans' 12-match winning streak. The draw represented the second straight tie for Japan against the United States after having lost the previous 13 meetings.

While Japan continues to prepare for the Asian World Cup qualifying tournament in April, the Americans will travel to China to compete in the Four Nations tournament. Norway and the United States will play Jan. 23 in Yiwu. The Americans move on to play host nation China in Wuhan on the Jan. 26 and Germany in Shanghai on the Jan. 29. The Americans' next home match will be Feb. 16 against Iceland in Charleston, S.C.

Major League Soccer continued to generate headlines during its off-season as two clubs found new fields to call home.

The Dallas Burn announced it would leave the Cotton Bowl, its home since the league's founding in 1996, and move to Dragon Stadium in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex suburb of Southlake.

Dragon Stadium, a 16-month-old facility developed by the Carroll Independent School District, sports a 70 by 120-yard playing area with a synthetic field turf playing surface. The stadium has a current seating capacity of 8,000 that can be increased to 12,000.

The Los Angeles Galaxy will also be moving into a new home during the 2003 season.

The Home Depot National Training Center is scheduled for a June opening and the defending MLS champions will play their home matches there upon its completion.

While the Galaxy have secured a place at the stadium, the debate over whether to nickname the facility "Victoria Street" for the street it faces or "The Woodshed" continues.

In addition to teams relocating, MLS also had a number of high-profile trades go through.

East Coast rivals D.C. United and the New York/New Jersey Metrostars swapped players as Jaime Moreno, Eddie Pope and Richie Williams moved to the Big Apple. Mike Petke and a pair of draft picks went to D.C. The Chicago Fire also struck a deal with the three-time league champions as Dema Kovalenko went to D.C. in exchange for Justin Mapp.

Chicago continued to offload talent in order to get under the MLS salary cap as the Fire dealt long-time captain Peter Nowak to the New England Revolution for a conditional draft pick. U.S. national team forward Josh Wolff was traded from Chicago to the Kansas City Wizards for KC's first pick in the 2003 MLS draft.

In addition to the trades, two MLS clubs signed foreign stars.

LA brought in South Korean World Cup hero Hong-Myung Bo to bolster their defense and the Colorado Rapids signed the league's first Frenchman in former Arsenal player Gilles Grimandi.

Grimandi, nicknamed the "Grim Reaper" during his time at the London club, turned down an offer from English Premier League club Middlesbrough to join the Mile High club.

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fine."

The Mavericks had six defensemen Friday, and by Saturday, an injury to Brett Davis and a disqualification to Blanshan left UNO with just four defenders.

In that game, Dan Ellis made 43 saves in a heroic performance to give the Mavericks a 2-2 tie.

"Those D-men played well," goaltender Ellis said after the game. "It's difficult when you only have four guys and you're going every other shift, especially against a fast, physical team that keeps it in your end."

Now, left with just five healthy defenseman in the lineup heading into Michigan State (Davis is still suffering from injury and will not make the trip), desperate times are calling for defensive measures. Kemp announced Wednesday that captain and all-time leading scorer David Brisson may get the call to log some time on defense this weekend against the Spartans.

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Burhan says the Afghan teachers who visited his Dari class were "thrilled" to have the students speaking to them in their own language.

"The students were also very excited to practice their Dari," Burhan says.

The teachers appreciate that the Center for Afghanistan Studies has done a lot for Afghanistan.

"The teachers saw with their own eyes what the CAS is doing," Burhan says. "UNO is known all over Kabul and Afghanistan."

Burhan has a background of knowledge he brings into his classroom. Retired two years from a position as director of International Studies and assistant director of the Center, he explains how much he loves teaching.

He first taught at UNO in 1977 as a visiting professor on a Fulbright scholarship. He studied literature in Kabul and taught a few sessions of cross-cultural communication at UNO. He also studied in Texas, Colorado, Vermont and New York.

As a language and cultural coordinator, he worked with the Peace Corps in Tajikistan, Romania and Moldova.

"Gouttierre and I worked on the texts," Burhan said about the 2-inch-thick volume that looks like it was produced on a home printer.

"We have to adjust to the situation," Brisson said. "It's a different game playing D. If I do go out there I'm just going to make the simple plays."

Kemp said Wednesday Ryan Bennett would practice at defense as well. Kemp is trying to cover all his bases heading into Munn.

UNO faces a very different Spartan squad this weekend.

All-American goalie Ryan Miller is gone, the game's winningest coach is now the athletic director and the team's philosophy has undergone a 180.

That change has landed MSU in a very unfamiliar position, a tie for eighth in the CCHA, a conference the Spartans have won the past two years.

UNO has had a lot of success against MSU lately and is 3-1 in its last four meetings against the Spartans.

Still, with that thin blue line, the Mavericks will have to get creative with the lineup and in finding ways to score.

The pages are filled with calligraphic curves, swishes, dots and hand-lettered modified Arabic characters. The beginning lessons are reserved for learning how to pronounce basic Dari words and phrases. The words are written in Roman letters to facilitate preliminary learning processes.

Burhan says before long, his students are writing with Arabic characters. He says he is proud of his students — they begin writing phrases in Arabic after only five lessons.

"Language reflects culture," Burhan says. "Once you talk about a culture and learn the language, you learn more about your own culture."

Students of Dari do not just learn words, they learn the culture. They watch Afghan movies, sing Dari songs and dine on Afghan food with Afghan families.

Burhan has student evaluations to show what students think of the class.

"I learned so much and have developed a real interest in Afghanistan as a result," one student wrote.

Although he is retired, Burhan still wants to teach Dari.

"I enjoy it," he says. "I want to participate and contribute."

Burhan teaches Dari 1120 this semester from 10 to 11:45 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings in Arts and Sciences Hall, Room 344. UNO plans to offer the Dari class indefinitely.

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Step

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Lily

Tuesday

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7:45 to 8:30 a.m.  
110 HPER Larry

W.E.T.

5:15 to 6:15 p.m.  
HPER Pool

Sheryl

Cardio Funk  
5:15 to 6:15 p.m.  
110 HPER Jennifer

Women on Weights

5:15 to 6:15 p.m.  
105 HPER Julie

Basic Training  
7:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
230 HPER Janine

Wednesday

Kickbox  
6:35 to 7:20 a.m.  
110 HPER Vicki

Aqua Lunch  
Noon to 12:45 p.m.  
HPER Pool

Sheryl

Kickbox Mix  
12:10 to 1 p.m.  
110 HPER

Chris

Muscle Conditioning  
4 to 5 p.m.  
110 HPER Larry

Step 'n' Tone  
5:15 to 6:15 p.m.  
110 HPER

Lily

Thursday

Kickbox Mix  
7:45 to 8:30 a.m.  
110 HPER

Larry

W.E.T.  
5:15 to 6:15 p.m.  
HPER Pool

Sheryl

Basic Training  
7:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
230 HPER

Janine

Friday

W.E.T.  
Noon to 12:45 p.m.  
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For questions on the classes listed above or any other Fitness/Wellness Classes contact Dave at 554-2008.

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The OVC's January schedule of events is listed below, along with its roster of spring semester trips. For more information, call x4-3256 or visit the Web at [http://www.unomaha.edu/~wwwcr/unoovc/OVC\\_Home.htm](http://www.unomaha.edu/~wwwcr/unoovc/OVC_Home.htm).

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership  
Thursday nights (Jan. 16-May 8)  
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(One-day workshop)  
Sat. Jan. 25  
11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Late fee after Jan. 17, \$5

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(One-night workshop)

Mon. Jan. 27

7 to 9:30 p.m.

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Sun. Jan. 26  
4 to 6 p.m.

OVC Spring Semester Trips  
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Bayfield, Wisconsin  
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(dates and costs to be determined)

- Lake Powell Sea Kayaking  
Southern Utah  
Friday, March 14, through Sunday, March 23  
(trip leaves Friday evening)

- Paria Canyon Backpacking  
Southern Utah  
Saturday, May 10, through Sunday, May 18

- Women's Winter Camping  
Preparation Canyon, Iowa  
Saturday, Feb. 22, through Sunday, Feb. 23  
(trip leaves Friday evening)

- Canoe Namekagon and St. Croix Canoe Trip  
Wisconsin and Minnesota  
Saturday, May 17, through Sunday, May 25

- Canoe Republican River  
Nebraska  
Saturday, April 26, through Sunday, April 27

- Rock Climbing  
Vedauwoo, WY  
Thursday, May 22, through Monday, May 26  
(trip leaves Thursday evening)

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